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Dear Examiner Marmor:

In response to the non-final office action mailed September 1, 2004, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated November 24, 2004 (2 pages);
- 2) Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated November 24, 2004 (10 pages); and
- 3) Application Data Sheet (2 pages).

Very respectfully,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/708,710 Confirmation No.: 2709  
Applicant: : John S. Fisher  
Filed: : 03/19/2004  
Art Unit : 3736  
Examiner : Charles Alan Marmor II  
  
Docket No. : 1139.20.DIV1  
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For : Dual Action Aspiration Biopsy Needle

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3736, Attn: Mr. Charles Alan Marmor II, (703) 872-9302, on November 24, 2004.

Dated: November 24, 2004

  
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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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AMENDMENT A

## Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 09/01/2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 12/01/2004, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.